

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the scholarship schemes being implemented for the students with disabilities in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any data regarding the distribution and the number of beneficiaries of the aforesaid scholarships in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and current year, State and category-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has enhanced the amount of the aforesaid scholarships recently; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (e) A Statement has been prepared and is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.109 for 13.08.2013

(a): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has introduced a Central Sector scheme namely, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) during the financial year 2012-13 to increase opportunities to students with disabilities for pursuing higher education leading to degrees such as M. Phil. and Ph.D. The scheme is to be implemented by University Grants Commissions (UGC). Funds have not been released so far under the RGNF Scheme.

(b): The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) set up under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 is implementing the following two Schemes of Scholarship of Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social justice and Empowerment for the students with disabilities for pursuing higher/technical/professional course:

(i) Scholarship Scheme (National Fund) for the students with disabilities for 500 students from the year 2009-10 onwards.

(ii) Scholarship Scheme (Trust Fund) for the differently-abled students for the 1000 students from the year 2011-12 onwards. The number of Scholarship has been increased from 1000 to 1500 per year from the year 2013-14.

Details of the schemes are at Annexure-I

The details of Scholarships distributed under the two Scholarship Schemes implemented by NHFDC are as follows:

(i) Scholarship Scheme (National Fund)

Sl.No.	Academic Year	No. of Scholarships	Amount Released (Rs.)
1.	2009-10	417	52,81,975/-
2.	2010-11	470	60,15,775/-
3.	2011-12	503	66,64,524/-
4.	2012-13	509	62,09,860/-
Total		1899	2,41,72,134/-

(ii) Scholarship Scheme (Trust Fund)

Sl.No.	Academic Year	No. of Scholarships	Amount Released (Rs.)
1.	2011-12	1000	5,76,49,796/-
2.	2012-13 (upto 31.12.2012)	871	5,46,39,891/-
Total			11,22,89,687/-

(c): Statements indicating State-wise and category-wise details of Scholarship released under the National Fund Scheme for the last three years and for the years 2011-12 and 2012-13 under the Trust Fund Scheme are at Annexure-II and Annexure-III respectively.

(d)& (e): No, Sir. The number of scholarships under the Trust Fund Scholarship Scheme has been increased from 1000 to 1500 Scholarships per year.